

PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION

IT is not possible for me, on the occasion of this new edition, to make all the many alterations of which, as I am aware, this book stands in need. I have, however, removed several positive errors, and I have altered the chapter on the Peasants' Rising in some few places. Since the first publication of this book, there have appeared in the 'American Historical Review' (Jan. and April 1902) two articles by Mr. George Kriehn on the Sources of the Social Revolt, 1381. I have adopted some of his views on particular events, and he has encouraged me to treat as a high authority the Account of the Rising of 1381 (Stowe MS. Anonymale Chronicalle belonging to the Abbey of St. Maryes in Torke), which I published in the 'English Historical Review' (vol. xiii. July 1898). If this Stowe MS. is to be regarded as a high authority (see Mr. Kriehn's arguments, A. H. B. viL 266-8) then the incidents at Smithfield take a slightly different colour, and the presentation of the interesting 'Smithfield programme' of Church ^endowment etc., by Wat Tyler, may perhaps be believed (Kriehn, A. H. B. vii- 458-84)* I am also particularly obliged for criticisms in the 'English Historical Review' and 'Edinburgh Review' of Jan. 1900, some of which I have now incorporated.

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